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1. WO 01/73630 A1 - An English-language abstract of the document is enclosed.
2. Japanese Patent Application No. JP 10-149086 - An English-language abstract of the document is enclosed.
3. Japanese Patent Application No. JP 58-117737 - The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 2 and 6 of the specification of the present application. An English-language abstract of the document is also enclosed.
4. Japanese Patent Application No. JP 10-501937 - The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 3 and 6 of the specification of the present application.
5. Japanese Patent Application No. 4-505083 - The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 4-6 of the specification of the present application.
6. Deutschland Patent Application No. DE 39 37 096 A 1 - This document is a family member of JP 4-505083.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of the non-English documents No. 1 and 2 above, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the Japanese Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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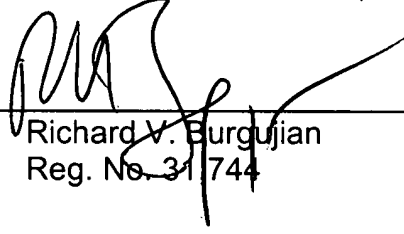
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